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ILLEGAL CUTTING OF FOREST WOOD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been large scale illegal cutting of teak timber and other forest wood from the forests of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the estimate of the loss of timber and forest wood during the last three years, year wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent illegal exploitation of forests in North Eastern Region?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)& (b) No large scale illicit felling of trees have been reported from the forests of North Eastern Region. However, some cases of illicit felling have been reported and the details in this regard are given in Annexure.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to prevent illegal exploitation of forests are as under:-

1. Legal measures like Indian Forest Act, 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Environment Protection Act, 1986 and the rules, guidelines thereof.
2. Management measures like working of forests according to approved Working Plans, Forest Development Agencies and Joint Forest Management.
3. Financial measures like providing assistance to the States/Union Territories under centrally sponsored schemes and externally aided projects.
4. A network of protected areas has been established.